

**HANS SCHMIDT, UNFROCKED
PRIEST, ELECTROCUTED**



Hans Schmidt and Anna Aumueller.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Hans Schmidt, unfrocked New York priest, who killed Anna Aumueller, cut her body into pieces and cast it into East

river, was electrocuted at sunrise today. He died denying his guilt and giving his last message to his old mother in Germany.

Seldom have more dramatic scenes been witnessed in the famous death chamber than that was presented as Schmidt stood before the chair, an ebony and silver crucifix before him, addressing the witnesses of his execution in a last farewell to his mother.

His dying message made from directly in front of the chair was entirely unexpected. As the rubber mat in front of the chair was reached he snapped aside the reaching arms of waiting guards and rasped sharply:

"One minue, please, one minute, until I say my say." The guards, believing he was going to struggle against seating himself with death, stepped back.

"My Lord and God I must," interrupted Father Cachin, prison chaplain, in an admonishing tone, but Schmidt, repeating the words hurriedly after their third repetition by the priest, hastened on with his dying statement:

"My last thought is for my mother." His voice rang sharp against the silence of the little room. "Please give my mother my last good wish, It is for her. I—"

"My Lord and my God," again interrupted Father Cachin. Schmidt then quietly repeated the prayer, sat down at its conclusion and died without uttering another sound.

During the night Schmidt issued a statement through his attorney denying that he killed the Aumueller girl and asserting she died from the effects of an illegal operation.

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And now comes still another disquieting rumor that Japan is fortifying Turtle Bay. Oh those pesky Japs! If the mikado would pay a cash indemnity for every gray hair he has added to Uncle Samuel's luxuriant crop we could retire our national debt, muy pronto.